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ABSTRACT

A geared architecture for a gas turbine engine according to an
exemplary aspect of the present disclosure includes, among
other things, a fan shaft, a frame which supports the fan shaft,
the frame defines a frame stiffness and a plurality of gears
which drives the fan shaft. A flexible support defines a flexible
support stiffness that is less than the frame stiffness. The
plurality of gears are supported by at least one of a carrier and
the flexible support and an input coupling to the plurality of
gears, the input coupling defines an input coupling stiffness
with respect to the frame stiffness.

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